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Sincerely,

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Itamar Shtull-Trauring  
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As a programmer, I understand the technical means this will require. In essence, American software will be open to any criminal hacker who manages to break the key and will thus be able to read everyone's traffic. At the same time, open source software such as Linux, and software from other countries will not have these problems, and thus will be more secure and better choice for people who want privacy. And terrorists will simply use software from overseas. This measure will cripple the American software industry, remove citizens' privacy, and be "useful" only for harassing innocent people.

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The international dialog the 'net' allows is something extraordinary. It's impact may rival that of the printing press. To sabotage it by making it more vulnerable to mischief in order to gain very marginal advantages for security would be a serious mistake.  
Just as with the individual, the more open a country is, the more at risk it is.

Concentrate on intelligence about bio-chemical and nuclear weapons production and distribution, not on gaining access to every home in the world

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